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METHOD AND MACHINE FOR THE PRODUCTION OF SAID CRATE

PRINCATE UNDERLY CERLAGE

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 5-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed April 21, 2004, said period of response being extended from May 21, 2004 to October 21, 2004.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$2,010.00 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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